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MEMORANDUM FOR: / The President  
Secretary of State  
Secretary of Defense  
Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Contra Aid

1. Even after last Thursday's vote, the Sandinista forces sent 1,500 troops 15 kilometers inside Honduras, the deepest incursion yet, to attack and destroy the FDN main training base in Honduras.

2. This further establishes the Sandinista intent to destroy the resistance as quickly as possible.

3. It makes even more dangerous any conditions in the contra aid bill with which the Sandinistas can either fake compliance or actually comply without impeding their consolidation.

4. The conditions to only end the emergency, call a cease fire and negotiate can be created at any time without impeding consolidation or reducing the threat to neighboring countries or to our long-term security in the hemisphere.

5. These conditions should be strengthened in the Senate in order to:

- a. Assure the people in Nicaragua the same opportunity the people in the Philippines had for full expression in new elections, and
- b. Protect El Salvador and other countries in the hemisphere from Sandinista export of revolution and violence.

6. I should think there would be no strong objection to adding these two further conditions to those presently contemplated:

- a. A Sandinista commitment to hold internationally supervised new elections, and
- b. Termination of Sandinista export of revolution and violence throughout the hemisphere.

  
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